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Café de La Peña

Wed. – Sun. 5:30 pm
510. 849.4846
(for cafe business only)

Cafe de La Peña. Open for dinners, Wed. through Sun. starting at 5:30pm

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Cultural Center Calendar • February 2,000

GENERAL AND TICKET INFORMATION

Advance tickets, when available, may be purchased during La Peña's office hours up until 5pm day of show. We also accept charges by phone (849-2568) and online at www.lapena.org. You may also send a check to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and we'll hold them at will call.

Seating is open, so come early for a good seat. **Parking may be difficult during some performances.** Please do not block driveways or park in blue zones. As in any urban area, please hide all valuables and be alert to your surroundings.

MAR - TUE | **MIER - WED** | **JUEV - THURS** | **VIER - FRI** | **SAB - SAT**

1 La Peña gratefully acknowledges support from; The Alameda County Arts Commission, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, Calif.Arts Council, East Bay Community Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, James Irvine Foundation, Lannan Foundation,LEF Foundation National Endowment for the Arts, S.F. Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Poets and Writers, Zellerbach Family Fund.

2 CAFE POETRY
Hosted by **Blake Tolbert**. Featured readers and open mic. **7:30pm $2**

Bobi Céspedes Class on Afro-Cuban Music and Culture 6:30pm

Offered by Vista College
Call (510) 208-7225 to register.

3 CAFE DE LA PEÑA IS OPEN FOR DINNERS STARTING AT 5:30PM

4 FLAMENCO

Corazón Flamenco

Gypsy cantaora **Angelita Agujeta**, daughter of Viejo Agujeta, accompanied by guitarist **Rafael Aragón**, with special guests: singers, **Pilar Moreno** and **Remedios Flores**, and amazing young dancers "El Niño Romerito" and "La Candelita". Also are **Carola Zertuche & Yvette Garcia** *(baile)*, **Nina Menéndez** (cante) and guitarist **Keni "el Lebrijano"**.

5 CHILDREN'S FLAMENCO PERFORMANCE, 10:30AM

HIP HOP

Blakkbudda Pro Presents

A Bob Marley Celebration

All ages welcome

8pm $10

DOM - SUN | **LUN - MON**

6 LABOR VIDEO FEST

Rebellion of the Hanged
(Mexico 1954, in Spanish with English narration) Full length drama feature film based on B.Traven's novel. The film shows the enslavement of Chiapas peasants who are forced to cut the forests by the landowners. Spon. by the LaborFest.
7:30pm $7-$10*
Cafe 2nd Anniversary!

CAFE EVENTS

Sun. Feb. 6: Celebrate the 2nd anniversary of Café de La Peña, food music.

Latin America Music jam sessions every Friday beginning at 8:30pm. An informal gathering of Bay Area musicians led by Quique Cruz.

Café Poetry, every Wednesday. This month special valentine's reading hosted by Aya de León, Wed. Feb. 9th.

Photo: Anna de León

Afro-Cuban Music & Culture

La Peña is pleased to host a Vista College course with Gladys "Bobi" Céspedes. The course will introduce the music and culture of the Afro-Cuban people; the role of nature in the philosophy and religion of this people, and the use of music in the celebration of their beliefs.

Wednesdays,
6:30 to 9:30pm
January 19 through May 17.
Location: La Peña Cultural Center.
Instructor: "Bobi" Céspedes, assisted by Larry Douglas.

You must register by Jan. 28, with Vista to attend. Enrollment fee is $33 for the semester. Registration at 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley; by phone at 510-208-7225; or go to http://www.Peralta.cc.ca.us and select Vista. Course title: **Music 48UA: Afro-Cuban Music and Culture**, 3 Units, Code V0659.

9 CAFE POETRY
Valentine's Day Reading
Love Fest 2,000
A Spoken Word Party with Aya de León. Theme: Love of self & spirit. Door price, valentines, guests, treats open mic.
7pm $3

Bobi Céspedes Class (ongoing)

10 COMEDY

Amma
starring in her hilarious one-woman show
In Search of My Clitoris
You might think it couldn't be done. You might even think it shouldn't be done. But Liberian comic and dancer Amma takes on the challenge of finding humor in the minefields of poverty, relationships and female circumcision. Can this comic who's "been there, done that" take you into new territory of comic insight? Don't miss this chance to find out.
8pm $10

11 COMEDY

12 NANCY RAVEN PRESENTS SONGS AND STORIES ,10:30AM

Valentine's Concert with Faye Carol

La Peña invites you to come join the dynamic Miss **Faye Carol** for a Valentine's Day for lovers, Guest, **Libby Behn Irving**, poetry and **Luzman Frank**, vocals.

8:30pm $15 in adv. $17 door

13 BIKE VIDEO FESTIVAL

Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition's 5th Annual Bike Film and Video Festival
A day of bicycle centric movies, slide shows, music, food, art & more. This celebration of the bicycle and alternative transportation is a venue for cutting edge bicycle films in the U.S.. Spon. by Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition. For information call 510.549.7433.
1pm-8pm*

16 CAFE POETRY
Poetry Writing Workshop led by **Nina Serrano** & **Diane Wang**.
7pm $2

Bobi Céspedes Class on Afro-Cuban Music and Culture 6:30pm

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Call before Jan.28

17 CONCERT

Los Cenzontles

Los Cenzontles celebrate Valentine's Day with the release of its brand new CD of romantic music, 'Cancionero'. The group, will perform boleros and rancheras to honor this day of love and friendship. CDs will be available for purchase.
$7:30pm $5
"Sonando" Latin Jazz Quintet in Cafe 9:30pm $3

18 CONCERT

Miguel Espinoza & the Cofradía Criolla del Perú

Experience the joyful interpretations of Peruvian coastal music by Miguel Angel from Cañete, Perú, the cradle of Afro-Peruvian Music. He will be accompanied by the Cofradía featuring *cajonero* **Pedro Rosales**. Peruvian *festejos, valses, landos, tonderos*, and much more. **8:30pm $12**

19 DERIQUE THE CLOWN, 10:30AM

HIP HOP

Stop Prop 21!, the "Juvenile Crime Initiative" An evening of hip hop, spoken word, visual art protesting the "Juvenile Crime Initiative" which will try youth as adults and incarcerate them in adult prisons. Hosted by Raymond "Boots" Riley. Benefit to support organizing against Prop 21. **8pm $7**

20 VIDEO

Women Forward

Documentary on how the Zapatistas sparked an indigenous women's movement plus music and poetry. A send off for women's delegation to 'Chiapas Mujer a Mujer'. Spon. by the Chiapas Support Committee.

7:30pm $5*

23 CAFE POETRY
Hosted by Wanda Sabir with special guest Paradise aka Richard Moore, president of IBWA local 5.
7:30pm $2

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24 FORUM

Meet the Candidates Night

An opportunity to meet candidates sponsored by the Progressive Alliance of Alameda County.
7:30pm $5-$10*

25 CONCERT

Rebecca Riots

Fresh and radical folk originals by berkeley's own Rebecca Riots with **Lisa Zeiler**, **Andrea Pritchett**, and **Eve Decker**.

8pm $10 general, $8 students

26 PLUM CITY PLAYERS, SONGS AND STORIES, 10:30AM

BAILE

Chambo

Chambo, which means "Groove", is a 12 piece Salsa/Timba band that infuses high energy and a funky groove rising from traditional Cuban "son", jazz, funk and other rhythms. Get ready to dance!
9:30pm $10

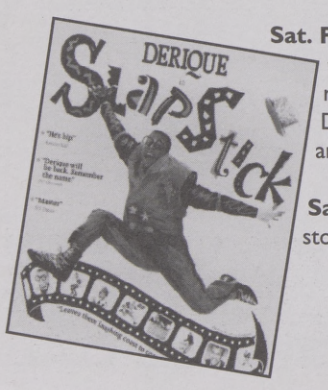
27 Amigos de Las Americas private event in cultural room

Non-profits can rent La Peña space for private functions at reasonable rates.

Saturday Morning is For Kids!

Sat. Feb. 5: Los Flamenquitos, El Niño Romerito and La Candelita. Sarita Ayala's Los Flamenquitos host guest artist El Niño Romerito and La Candelita in a special children's flamenco dance performance

Sat. Feb. 12: Nancy Raven shares her wonderful songs and stories for the entire family.



Sat. Feb. 19: Derique combines electronics with traditional clowning. An internationally renowned clown and multi media performer, Derique has appeared on the Arsenio Hall Show and on the Disney channel.

Sat. Feb. 26: Plum City Players features songs, stories, with Bonnie, Annie, and Nancy.

Performances begin at 10:30am
$4 adults $3 for children

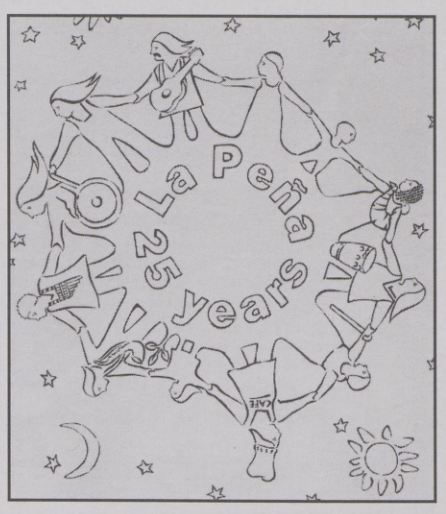
Silver Star Series to Celebrate La Peña's 25th Anniversary

La Peña is proud to present a special 25th Anniversary Program Series in the year 2000 which will feature the tremendous talents of a great range of artists who have performed at La Peña over the years. The series will be organized into five themes: "Culture in Action", "First Voice" - Literary and Spoken Word Events, "Jazz Translations" - Jazz and Latin Jazz Programming, "Arts and Tradition" showcasing many traditional arts, and "Education as a Bridge" - including forums on topical issues.

Some of the artists to be featured include Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, John Santos and the Machete Ensemble, Ethnic Heritage Ensemble (from Chicago), *una noche de charango* - a charango summit - led by Horacio Duran of Inti-Illimani, An Evening of New Chicano Groove with Quetzal (from East L.A.), Los Otros and Grito Serpentino, Omar Sosa, a newly commissioned piece with Filipino American dancer, Pearl Ubungen about 100 years of Filipino history and more.

This month we launch our series with Boots and a number of young artists who speak out against the juvenile crime initiative. Prop. 21, which voters will vote on in March, 2000, would try and sentence young people as young as 14 years old as adults. This initiative, if passed, would virtually eliminate the juvenile justice system and create a massive transfer of resources and youth to the adult prison industrial complex. Rather than concentrating resources on punitive measures, society needs to look at ways to support the positive development of our youth.

VOTE NO ON PROP 21 IN MARCH!



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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

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Chambo

Fri. Feb. 26 • 9:30pm

Chambo features Barbara Valladares, a "Tremenda Sonera!" "Barbara has a great voice, great stage presence and an excellent dialogue with the audience. She can be considered as one of the best female Salsa singers in the Bay Area!
–Chata Gutierrez, KPOO Radio.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Free classes are supported by the California Arts Council Artists in Residence program. Other classes are supported by participant fees. Enrollment is limited, and instructor permission is required. For more information about these classes, call Sylvia Sherman at 510/849-2568 extension 16 (Mon.-Fri. 12-5pm). (**TS** = Theater Space, **CR** = Community Room behind La Tienda, **CA** = Cafe Area).

NEW! — Afro-Cuban Music & Culture Offered by Vista College Music Dept. Instructor: Bobi Céspedes. See reverse for information.

PERCUSSION:

NEW! — Afro-Cuban Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm **begins Jan. 24,** TS) Students will learn folkloric and popular Afro-Cuban rhythms. Instructor: Jesus Díaz, leader of Jesus Díaz y su QBA, and percussionist with Conjunto Céspedes, Talking Drums, and other groups. $15 per class, or $48 for four classes.

Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm, CR) Students must bring their own drums. Congas are welcome. Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.

Intermediate Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 7:30 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.

Eastern Caribbean & Afro-Francophone Rhythms (Sunday 12 - 2pm, CR) This class will cover Calypso, Gwaka, Belaire, Quadrille etc. Bring congas, bells & sticks. Instructor: Ras Mo. Free. For more info call 510-840-1574.

NEW! — Bomba and Plena (Sunday 2:30 - 3:30pm, CR) Puerto Rican Percussion, Dances, and Songs. Covers all major bomba rhythmic patterns, and a variety of bomba and plena songs. Instructor: Roman "Ito" Carrillo. $10 per class.

NEW - Afro-Cuban Folkloric Percussion with Master Cuban Folk Artist, Regino Jimenez. (3 Tuesdays Feb. 1, 8, 15, 6:00 - 7:45 pm) $15/class or $36 for all three. **Bring congas and sticks.**

STRINGED INSTRUMENTS:

Mandolin (Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free

Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 7 - 8pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 8 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free.

ON HIATUS — Latin American Guitar (Wednesdays, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. **Classes will resume in April.**

ENSEMBLES:

La Peña Community Chorus (Tuesday 7:45 -10pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes. Monthly Membership Dues Required. For chorus info call Nancy Gendel at 510-845-5161. At present there are openings for tenors and bases only.

NEW! — Beginning Panpipes Ensemble (Monday 7 - 8pm, Jan.10 to Feb. 14, CA) Melodies, rhythms and techniques of the altiplano Sikuri ensembles of Peru and Bolivia. Students must bring complete (2 halves) set of panpipes tuned in "G". Instructors: Edmond Badoux and Francy Vidal of Duo Chaskinakuy, Hector and Lydia Zapana of Duo Zapana. $70/6 weeks (adults), $35 (age 12-21). Registration required; please, no drop-ins. For information, call (707) 664-9257.

ART AND ORGANIZING:

Art and Organizing: Lecture-Discussion (Tuesday 4:30 - 7:30pm, TS) Lectures on historical examples of art and organizing, and guest speakers. Discussion of work will focus on how to use art to organize people into action around specific issues and campaigns. This class is open to people who are already creating poetry, music and visual art and who want to use art to support progressive organizing in Oakland. Instructor: Raymond "Boots" Riley of The Coup. Free.

Art and Organizing: Laboratory (Sunday 2-5pm, TS) Class members will go into the community and make art: mural making, guerrilla theater, guerrilla hip hop concerts to support specific community organizing campaigns. See above for class membership criteria. Instructor: Raymond "Boots" Riley. Free.

POETRY:

Poetry Writing Workshop (Third Wednesday of each month 7 - 9pm, CA) All ages welcome. Instructors: Diane Wang and Nina Serrano. $2 donation.

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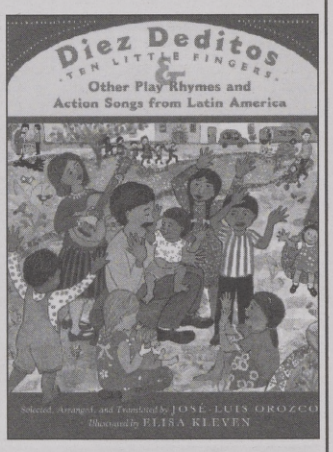

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